



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Schmidt et al.

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For: **Apparatus for Transferring Poultry Carcasses**

Confirmation No.: 9711

Group Art Unit: 3643

Examiner: Parsley, David J.

Docket No. 11954-1920

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated *December 28, 2004*. Please amend the application as follows.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.